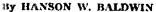
## The Cuban Invasion—I

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White House Decisions Cited in Study Of Why Landing in April Was a Failure

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This is the first of two articles on the unsuccessful; attempt by anti-Castro forces to invade Cuba last April.

The celebrations in Cuba lasts week deliberately emphasized

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is stronger than it has ever been, physically and in prestige. In April, when 1,500 to 1,600 anti-Castro Cubans, with United

States support, attempted to overthrow the Cuban Govern-ment, Havana had only nine operational military aircraft, all pal whipping boys. The impos-operational military aircraft, all pall whipping boys. The impos-propeller-driven. except three indicates of overthrowing Dr. propeller-driven, except three jet-powered T-33 trainers that had been armed. The Cuban militia. then equipped with Czechoslovak and Russian small one on so stupid?" has been a arms, about fifty Russian tanks and self-propelled guns and small amounts of field artillery, was impressive in quantity but

not in quality.
About 200,000 women had been armed, but and sparsely trained, undependable against a good military force. About 15,000 to 20.000 regular Army and militiamen had received more training and could be termed a "hard core," ness and dependability were planning for the Cuban as-open to question. There was, in salit stated in the late spring although their combat effective-

nd are now in operation. Heavester, which may contain a itonal ≇ disassembled aven peen seem Some

Guerallas Are Inactive the increasing strentgh of Pre-mier Fidel Castro's pro-Com-have been inactive; Dr. Castro's Part of the emphasis represopposition is disorganized and sents propaganda, but there is downcast. The overthrow of Dr. some truth behind the embroid-far more difficult today, even if About three months after the have been three months as a term the bare been three months ago. Sponsored abortive ment apparently has no plan for eliminating what many observers have called the "cancer United States forces were sent servers have called the "cancer of communism in Cuba."

The April invasion has been widely ridiculed since its failure, and the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been made the princi-Castro with 1,500 to 1,600 men appears self-evident; the rhetofical question, "How could anypopular one around Washington in the last three months. the operation in its original concepts was not as stupid as it has been made to appear and

takes appears to be widely distributed. The story of the Cuban venwith many Government officials and from other sources, postu-lates many lessons of major

importance in the Berlin crisis.

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Planning Started in 1960 open to question. There was, in April, a Cuban anti-Castro inderground and about 2,000 lylen former President Dygnt D. Eisenhower author-guerrillas scattered in the mountains all over Cuba.

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